

Under his leadership, the church has grown exponentially, expanding their vision, attendance, facilities, staff, and outreach.

The congregation supports missionaries across the globe, hosts annual community events, and focuses on developing programs for all age groups within the congregation.

As Bethel Gilead Community Church celebrates 150 years of history, I pray it continues to be a faithful witness of God's love in the Bronson community and beyond.

H.R. 6886, HEALTH EQUITY AND ACCESS FOR RETURNING TROOPS AND SERVICEMEMBERS ACT OF 2018 (HEARTS ACT)

**HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I want to state my concerns regarding H.R. 6886 and the process for considering this bill, and the potential unintended consequences for the Medicare program.

The bill seeks to address the unfortunate circumstances under which a servicemember who becomes eligible for Medicare by reason of disability cannot easily return to the TRICARE program if and when the servicemember becomes able to work again.

I am concerned because this bill did not go through regular order, and was not marked up or considered in any committee of the House of Representatives. It represents a significant change to current law and has impacts on both our healthcare system for active and retired service members, and on the Medicare program. To pass such legislation without an open, transparent, and measured process is disservice to the institution of the House of Representatives and to the American people.

The problem with a failure to adhere to regular order is not just a philosophical one but a practical one. Legislation that has not been vetted properly often has unforeseen or unexpected consequences. We have seen that time and time again. I am concerned that this will also be the case with H.R. 6886. I am concerned about disabled servicemembers moving in and out of the Medicare program, and whether they will be fully informed about the implications of their decision not to enroll in Medicare when they become eligible. I am concerned about the precedent for the Medicare program of folks being able to decline Medicare coverage for other coverage, and how that may undermine the universality of the Medicare program.

I might have been able to be convinced that these concerns could be addressed if we had had a full process with a legislative hearing and a markup, but unfortunately, that is not the case. For these reasons, I must state my concerns regarding this bill and the process we undertook for considering it.

PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRA-  
STRUCTURE AGAINST DRONES  
AND EMERGING THREATS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 25, 2018*

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 6742, the Secure Border Communications Act prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY LEGISLATION

As passed by the House of Representatives on September 25, 2018

On September 25, the House of Representatives passed the following three pieces of legislation:

H.R. 6620, the Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act, which would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prepare assessments of the threats presented by unmanned aircraft systems (often called drones) and other emerging threats associated with such new technologies;

H.R. 6735, the Public-Private Cybersecurity Cooperation Act, which would require DHS to establish procedures for people or organizations to report vulnerabilities in the department's information systems; and

H.R. 6740, the Border Tunnel Task Force Act, which would direct DHS to establish task forces to combat threats from cross-border tunnels; the task forces could include personnel from federal, state, local, and tribal agencies.

CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not significantly affect spending by DHS in any fiscal year because the department could largely implement each act with existing personnel.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

None of the acts contain intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

U.S. CONGRESS,  
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,  
Washington, DC, September 27, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL McCAUL,  
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,  
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 6620, H.R. 6735, and H.R. 6740, three bills concerning the Department of Homeland Security that were ordered reported by the Committee on Homeland Security on September 13, 2018.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

IN RECOGNITION OF AN EXTRAOR-  
DINARY PUBLIC SERVANT,  
SERENA R. "RENNY" MANUEL

**HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 28, 2018*

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary public servant, Serena R. "Renny" Manuel, whose management of the Winchester Regional Airport in the northern Shenandoah Valley, has established the airport as a critically important asset of the region's dynamic economy. This region of the 10th Congressional District, that includes Frederick County, the City of Winchester and Clarke County, is growing rapidly and the Winchester Regional Airport has become a catalyst for this growth by supporting business aviation, law enforcement, agricultural and life-saving services, air ambulance operations and organ transports, freight and package delivery, as well as recreational activities.

All of these benefits were developed, improved upon and managed by Executive Director Renny Manuel, with the able guidance of the board of directors of the Winchester Regional Airport Authority. Starting as an Office Assistant at the airport in 1991, Renny Manuel's extraordinary conscientiousness and reliability, coupled with her humility, humor, and cooperative spirit, caused her to be given progressively greater responsibilities and, in 1999, the Authority officially appointed her Airport Director, in which role she served with distinction until her retirement on July 30th of this year. In addition to skillfully overseeing the day to day operations of the airport and complying with numerous federal and state regulations and orders, Mrs. Manuel's excellence as a team leader was most apparent as she managed numerous complicated capital and airport redevelopment projects, such as the runway rehabilitation design and construction project, the general aviation terminal building renovation, the airfield lighting upgrade, airport perimeter security fencing, the T-hangar apron rehabilitation, land acquisition, relocation and rehabilitation of Taxiway "A", the snow removal plan and equipment project, the wetland mitigation project, and oversight of construction of a second corporate hangar facility.

Airport Director Manuel's reputation for effectiveness and reliability was acknowledged by her colleagues throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia when they asked her to serve as Secretary of the Virginia Airport Operators Council. And in further recognition of the high regard that those in the aviation industry have for her, she was recently presented with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia Department of Aviation.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in recognizing and thanking Winchester Regional Airport Director Renny Manuel for her extraordinarily dedicated service to the people of the northern Shenandoah Valley and ask you and our colleagues to join me in wishing her and her husband much happiness, as they spend more time with family and have more time to travel, in their retirement years.